

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to read as follows:

1. A continuous method for preparing a fluid diffusion electrode comprising a fluid diffusion layer and at least one electrocatalyst adhered to the fluid diffusion layer, wherein the at least one electrocatalyst is adhered to the fluid diffusion layer by the steps of:

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- (a) continuously applying an electrocatalyst composition comprising the at least one electrocatalyst to the fluid diffusion layer, the electrocatalyst composition further comprising a liquid component;
 - (b) continuously compacting the fluid diffusion layer and liquid-containing electrocatalyst composition applied thereto by applying pressure from at least one compaction roller; and
 - (c) drying the substrate and the electrocatalyst composition applied thereto.

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16. A continuous method for preparing a fluid diffusion electrode comprising a fluid diffusion layer and at least one electrocatalyst adhered to the fluid diffusion layer, wherein the at least one electrocatalyst is adhered to the fluid diffusion layer by the steps of:

- (a) continuously applying an electrocatalyst composition comprising the at least one electrocatalyst to the fluid diffusion layer, the electrocatalyst composition